

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claim 14 as follows, and cancel Claim 31.

1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A photovoltaic element encapsulated in a stack structure with ~~an~~ a front surface member, a front surface encapsulant resin, a back surface encapsulant resin, and a back surface member in an order of the front surface member, the front surface encapsulant resin, the photovoltaic photoelectric element, the back surface encapsulant resin, and the back surface member, wherein the front surface encapsulant resin comprising comprises a hot-melt polymer resin comprising having an ultraviolet absorbing agent dissolved therein, wherein the dissolved ultraviolet absorbing agent has a concentration gradient in the direction of thickness of the encapsulant resin, and wherein the concentration of the ultraviolet absorbing agent is higher at a location near a light incident surface of the front surface encapsulant resin.

15. -26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 14, further comprising a silane coupling agent dissolved in the encapsulant resin.

28. (Previously Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 27, wherein the concentration of the silane coupling agent is higher at a location near the photovoltaic element.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 27, wherein the concentration of the silane coupling agent is higher at a location in the encapsulant resin near the surface member.

31. (Cancelled).